Backward Class Commission

1007. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Backward Class Commission to promote the interests of socially, economically and culturally backward classes in the country has been constituted so far; and

(b) if not,whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to constitute such a Commission?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Government have so for constituted two commission under Art. 340 of the constitution of India to look into the condition of other Backward Classes and make recommendations for improvement in their condition.

The first Backward Classes commission (Kaka Kalelkar Commission) headed by Shri Kaka Kalelkar was constituted on 29th January, 1953. It submitted its report in March, 1955.

The Second Backward Classes (Mandal Commission) headed by Shri B. P. Mandal was constituted on 1.1.1979. It submitted its reports on 31st December, 1980.

Both the above reports have been laid on the Table of House.

(b) There is at present no proposal in this regard with the Government.

Scholarship for SC/STs

1008. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when Government had last revised the Central Government sponsored Scholarships provided to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for their post-matriculation studies in various States including the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the amount of the post-matric scholarships for such students were fixed in view the price index;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to revise the post-matriculation scholarships for SCs' and ST's students as per the existing price index every year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The maintenance allowance rates under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-matric Scholarships for students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were last revised with effect from 1.7.1989. The rates are uniformally applicable to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations receiving central assistance under the Scheme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is a case to review the scheme with reference to the existing price index.

डा० गोपाल सिंह समिति का प्रतिवेदन

1999. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) अल्पसंख्यकों, अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों और समाज के अन्य कमजोर वर्गों से संबंधित डा० गोपाल सिंह समिति के प्रतिवेदन, जिसे 24 अगस्त, 1990 को राज्य सभा के पटल पर रखा गया था, की सिफारिशों को लागू किए जाने के संबंध में सरकार का रुख क्या है ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) और (ख) अल्पसंख्यकों, अनुसूचित जातियों, अनुसूचित जनजातियों